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## Editorial

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Knocking the final chips of dried mud off his boots, Conover pulled his feet away from the common room fireplace.

He knew he'd have to brave the afternoon downpours if he wanted to make any headway. Absently he ran a finger along the edge of his new cloak. The fur was the finest he

had ever owned. But then again, the wolf he'd killed for it had been exceptional.

"Exceptionally stupid," Conover muttered to himself as he pushed the door open to step into the rain, and whatever the day held for him.

## EDITORIAL

Hi everyone—here's issue #20 of *The Mythic Circle*. We have stories which range from fairy tale to modern yarn, and poems from such redoubtable authors as Joe Christopher and David Sparenberg. We also have our usual talented illustrators, along with some great new offerings by Sue Dawe. We hope you enjoy the issue.

You have probably noticed that the issue is quite late. We do apologize for this. Tina's legal practice and her triplets are growing (they are six years old now!), and as a result her daily responsibilities are overflowing the hours available in her day. Tina would also like to begin writing again, which she has not been able to do since the children were born.

Therefore, with regret, Tina has decided that she must withdraw as editor of *The Mythic Circle* after she gets this issue out. Sherwood is not able to take on additional editorial responsibilities at this time. We are searching, therefore, for some person or combination of people to take Tina's place. If no one appears, *The Mythic Circle* will suspend publication until a new editor is found.

If you are interested in becoming a new editor of *The Mythic Circle*, please write Tina or Sherwood (or any of the Council of Stewards of the Mythopoeic Society) at P.O. Box 6707, Altadena, California 91003-6707.

Tina would like to say that it has been a privilege to be editor of *The Mythic Circle*, and that she has enjoyed getting to know you. She will see you at future Mythcons. The best to all of you.

## LETTERS OF COMMENT

Dear editors

Greetings. I wanted to thank you for my contributor's copy of the latest *Mythic Circle*. I was pleasantly surprised at the quality and brilliance of its contents, and I was proud to have my poem "Amber" included.

I have long been a C.S. Lewis fan and a fan of Greek mythology. It's nice to see that someone is keeping the magic alive!

Especially liked "Once Upon a Prince" by David Sander. Reminded me of the fairy tales of Andrew Lang

(Blue Fairy Book, Red Fairy Book, etc. Wonderful collections—all of them!)

Loved Sue Nevill's "Moon Marks" poem. "Women have died for skin this pale..." Very beautiful, poignant.

Thank you for your efforts in publishing *The Mythic Circle*.

Corrine De Winter  
Springfield, Ma.

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